President Palma Writes to the Sunday Journal.

HARD FACTS FOR AMERICANS.

A Plain Statement of the Patriots' Gause by

Their Chosen

Leader.

Ton ask me to answer the three following questions, and I will with pleasure endeavor to do so:

What advantage will be derived by Cuba in being recognized as a beiligerent? Why should the United States sympathize with the Cubans? What likelihood is there of Cuba asking admission into the Union?

A few examples will suffice to show how the United States are discriminated against. Cast iron in columns and tubes, if coming from Spain, will pay a duty of 11 cents per 100 kilos; if from the United States, \$2.40 per 100 kilos. On iron bars, if from Spain, the duty is 21 cents per 100 kilos. If from Spain, see 100 kilos. From Spain, see 100 kilos. From Spain, see 100 kilos. See 100 kilos. Wheta country are subject to import duties which discriminte against them in the proportion already states.

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she does not have at present. Second, her war vessels will not be treated as pirates; the hospitality usually accorded in neutral ports to the vessels of the navy of a belligerent power will be extended to them, and she will have the right to issue letters of marque, or, in other words, to commission privateers to prey on the commerce of her enemy.

Third. Spain will be compelled to treat the Cuban prisoners as prisoners of war instead of as criminals, as she does now. Fourth, it will facilitate the negotiation of loans for the purpose of carrying on the

war.
Fifth, the condition will be more favorable to diplomatic action in case any of the neutral powers should feel disposed to offer its friendly offices for the purpose of bring-

The reasons why the United States should sympathize with the Cubans are fourfold-

moral, social, political and economical. MORAL-Because the Cubans during the last seventy years have suffered great op-pression under the Government of Spain, and are now fighting not only for the same principles for which the people of the United States fought last century—that is, for freedom and self-government-but for their very existence, seriously threatened by a power whose exactions and tyranny tend directly to their gradual annibilation. Without protection either for their property or their persons, deprived of the forher by a system of taxation which respects no right and recognizes no bounds, and assalled in the latter by a suspicious and rancorous Government that sees in every native an enemy, destitution among the Cuban people was becoming general and dispersion a necessity. Is not a community truggling against those evils worthy of he sympathy of a great and free people?

THE TIES THAT RIND.

SOCIAL—Because the uninterrupted intercourse between the American and the Cuban people has created so many ties among them that the sufferings of the latter cannot be indifferent to the former. Thousands of our young men have been educated in the United States, where they learned to be freemen, to know their rights and to love liberty, and are now

when starmed to be freedomen, to hanow their rights and to live liberty, and are now striving to carry out in their own country the phtheiphes they were taught here. Have they not a claim to the youngashy and support the phtheiphes they were taught here. Have they not a claim to the youngashy and support the phtheiphes they were taught here. Have they not a claim to the youngashy and support the phtheiphes they were taught here. Have they not a claim to the youngashy and support the phtheiphes they were taught here. Have they not a claim to the youngashy and support the phtheiphes they were taught here. Have they not a claim to the youngashy and support the phtheiphes they were taught here. Have they not a claim to the youngashy and support the phtheiphes they were taught here. Have they not a claim to the youngashy and support the phtheiphes they were taught here. Have they not a claim to the youngashy and support the phtheiphes they were taught here is not problem. The phtheiphes they not the phtheiphes the phtheiphes they were taught here is not problem. The phtheiphes they not the phtheiphes they not the phtheiphes they not the phtheiphes they were taught here is not problem. The phtheiphes they not they not they not the phtheiphes they not the phtheiphes they not they not the phtheiphes they not they not they not they not the phtheiphes they not they not they not the phtheiphes they not they not they not they not the phtheiphes they not they not the phtheiphes they not the phtheiphes they not the phtheiphes they

eent? Simply this: Spain will have to confiscate the existing capital of the country
to the extent of several millions every
year in order to meet her lavish expenditures and under those conditions own.

Father Neptune Comes Aboard the Shenandoah.

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Most Famous of Models and Most

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on Shipboard.

At 5:30 in the afternoon of Saturday. December 7, in longitude 126 degrees and 30 minutes, Neptune climbed over the bows of the ship Shenandoah, bound from San Francisco to New York, probably the last time he will ever pay such a visit. He was accompanied by Mrs. Neptune, and the object of his visit was to make the acquaintance of three unfortunate salior men who had never crossed the Equator.

Any one who was ever aboard a man-ofwar when the order "all hands to skylark" was given can form an idea of the zest with which the tars enter into the spirit standing before the court of nations which in Santander, Barcelona and other places with which the tars enter into the spirit ton, and other nautical songs to such ac-

Wicked of Women.

BACCHANTE WITH FLAWLESS FIGURE

She Danced the Danse du Ventre at the Students' Ball as No One Ever Saw It.

After having slowly wasted away with consumption for many months past, Sarah Brown-or, as she was better known in the world of the Latin Quarter, "Sally" Brown -the most famous model in all Paris, has just died, as exclusively announced in the

Though few echoes of her oddities and wild revelries in the studios and at the artists' balls of the French capital have ever reached this country, this woman has literally been one of the most prominent figures in French art for the past ter years. Scores of the great French and American painters have derived a large part of their inspiration from her voluptuous form, which was said to have been ab solutely faultless in outline. It was Rochegrosse who discovered her, years ago, and as "Rochegrosse's Model" she was long known. She appears as the central female figure in nearly all the pictures by that great painter. In his "Belshazzar's Feast" or, as it is often called, "The Fall of Babylon"-It is Sarah Brown who catches and holds the eye in the centre of the scene-the drunken dancing girl, fallen backward, prone upon a couch, her magnificent figure with a wreath of flowers for its sole covering, aside from a bit of tur

quoise spangled net.

How Paris will get along without ber

After all, her life really went out in a aze of glory. The last great public appearance that she made was at the famous undents' ball of the Quat'z'Arts, held at see Moulin Rouge last Spring. No ball in I Paris has a greater reputation than als fantastic affair, with its medley of conderful costumes, representing every mase of original color and tint, and rivaling almost the splendor of the spectrum in is harmonies and tones. The Quat'z'Arts all is, as a rule, a scene of wild deauchery, and the one that was held last ear was no exception. It was even, it is said, a ball of wilder revelry than my that had preceded it.

The night half done and the Moulin Rouge was filled to the last inch of its loor space with damsels in short skirts who twired the tips of their toes high would have none of it. It must be a free tribute to her attractiveness and to her fascinations. There is one memory of her Paris life along these lines that shows the woman precisely. On one particular occasion she was greatly in want of 500 francs, or \$100 for what purpose the Lord only the Operation of the parish provides and the streets displayed.

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turquoise jewel decoration; very fine and beautiful; former price \$36.00 dozen, now \$24.00 dozen.

Festoon Pattern Ten Cup and Saucer, peautifully painted in light pink; former price \$36.00 dozen, now \$24.00 dozen.

Oblong Salad Bowls, in the superb Dresden decoration, gold lace edge; former price \$1.50, now \$1.00 each.

Pots. large size, fancy shape; former price \$1.50, now \$1.00 each.

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